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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 8, 1999, Applicant wishes to enter the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant has amended claim 27 and canceled claim 26 without prejudice. Claims 7, 8, and 11-29 are currently pending in the Application.

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Margolin or Monson in view of Allison. Applicant has canceled claim 26 without prejudice.

Claims 27-29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 27 to be independent and to include all of the recitations of canceled claim 26. Claims 28-29 depend from claim 27.

Allowed Claims

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 7, 8, and 11-25 are allowed. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 27-29 be allowed as well in light of the amendment to claim 27 to make it independent and to include the recitations of canceled claim 26.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing remarks and amendment place all remaining claims 7, 8, 11-25, and 27-29 in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due for these claims is therefore respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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